

**Park & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
November 13, 2023**

Committee: Trustee/Chairperson Holly McManus

Resident Members: Christian De Jong, Carl Garnetzke, Tom Divorany.

Absent Members: Mike Lambrecht and Eugen Pagel

Staff/Others: Ryan Schmidt, Kathy Kasper, Nancy Pierce

1. Call the meeting to order

5:00pm meeting called to order by Chairperson Holly McManus.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 11, 2023. Motion Made by Carl G, seconded by Tom D. All aye.

3. Public comment -None.

4. Park and Open Space Plan – Review of Objectives for Park System specific to Maple and Gorney Park

The discussion was opened up by Village Engineer Ryan for Maple Park and its current standing after completion of the new shelter and path, as approved earlier in 2023. Objectives and goals of Maple Park were then discussed by the committee as listed in the POSP. The committee discussed court sports like tennis and basketball still being a viable option but removing volleyball courts for the future. Adding more trees to the park was suggested as well to further improve the landscape. No other major additions or subtractions to the plan were discussed. Next, Ryan opened up the Gorney Park discussion explaining the current amenities available and what is listed within the POSP. Trustee Pierce added that the committee revisit the dog park item. Village Administrator Kasper added information regarding the existing building on site and the plans to eventually raze this building. Discussion ensued about the former building site as a possible dog park location due to possible septic and water availability. Additional discussion by the committee and staff about the use of the park included disc golf, non-motorized rentals for the pond, path improvements, relocating the pier, and nature friendly kid related amenities. Discussion about removing the concession building from the POSP also occurred. The Dog Park and non-motorized rentals were recommended to be placed on the next Parks Agenda for further discussion.

5. Discuss and Review Future Park Committee Meeting Schedule.

Holly began the discussion by recommending the committee switch to Tuesday's at 5pm before board meetings. The committee all agreed and Holly would reach out to the absent committee members to confirm their availability. Christian De Jong asked to have the Trail Systems be added as an agenda item for the next meeting. The committee discussed and agreed that December's meeting can be skipped. Ryan added that another youth baseball Park Use Agreement will also be added to the January Agenda.

6. Adjournment

Committee Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm by Chairperson McManus with no other items remaining on the agenda.